Commerce Ministry, should immediately intervene into this state of affairs of the TTCI to alleviate the plight of the workers and save these tea gardens from ruination. Thank you.

Need to introduce expeditiously the speed post facility in the North-Eastern parts of the country

SHRI KHYOMO LOTHA (Nagaland): I would like to bring to the notice of the Government, through this Special Mention, the problem that is being faced by the people of the North-Eastern part of the country. We know that Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh, Mizoram, Manipur are all very far away, thousands of miles away from Delhi and farther away from other parts of the country in the South. We have been facing a great inconvenience in the matter of communications in the Postal Department, receiving and despatching letters from one part to another. Apart from the people belonging to other States working in our State, we have thousands of our children studying in various parts of the country and the letters written or being sent to us take a long time to reach. Apart from other problems, the Postal Department is also not working properly. There are lots of irregularities, inefficiency and corruption and added to these, there are also strikes by the staff of this department frequently. While I would request the Government to look into the demands of the Postal Department and give them justice, at the same time, they should also be pulled up for thier irregularities and inefficiency. Now, for instance, I was touring South India last time and I wrote a letter to my dear wife. But the letter reached home only after I had reached the place and the postman gave the letter to me. I gave it to my wife and said, "here is my letter to you". Also, when my friend Mr. Raju Parmar sent me a telegram informing of his departure from Delhi to Kohima, the telegram reached me but by that time, my friend had already finished his business in Kohima and he was about to leave. Even when Minister of State—Home Affairs, Mr. M. M. Jacob was to come to Kohima, the same thing happened. This should be looked into. Apart from this, the facility being available to the other parts of the country, that is, speed post, has not yet been introduced in Nagaland, Arunachal Pradesh or Mizoram. I would request that the speed post facility be introduced immediately. At present, there is a private organisation running this service and this organisation charges Rs. 70 for one letter whereas the Government's rate is Rs. 30, uniform rate all over India. This agency is exploiting the people of this region by charging Rs. 70/- per letter. I request the Ministry of Communications to immediately look into this aspect and provide us the people of North East with speed post facility. Thank you.

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA (Assam): I associate myself with this. It is a peculiar experience that a telegram takes 10 to 15 days to reach a person. Fortunately, ordinary letters take five to six days. Telegram takes more time than the ordinary letters. In any case, this facility has to be improved and I draw the attention of the Minister to this.

Inducements in the shape of gold and cash offerings by the L.T.T.E. to buy support in Tamil Nadu

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY (Pondicherry): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I would like to raise a very import issue relating to the LTTE's inroads in Tamil Nadu for the last several years. Recently, reports are coming when the present Tamil Nadu Government and the Central Government Investigation Team are investigating into the assassination of Shri Padmanabha, EPRLF leader and the assassination of our beloved leader, Shri Rajiv Gandhi. Sir, the information that has been furnished by the 'Q' branch of the Tamil Nadu police is shocking. To win over the confidence of the people of Tamil Nadu to a certain extent....and to get their support, the LTTE gave enormous amount of gold and cash to the people for the purpose of harbouring the militants in Tamil Nadu.

[Shri V. Narayanasamy]

Recently, one Ravi *alias* Ravichandran was arrested by the police at Aruppukottai in Ramnad District. Several other persons who were connected with the said Ravi *alias* Ravichandran were also apprehended by the 'Q' Branch of Tamil Nadu Police. During the investigation, they found that this Ravi was the leader of Tamil Desia Meetpu Padai, i.e., Tamil National Retrieval Force. The said Ravi *alias* Ravichandran went to Sri Lanka with some LTTE militants, had military training there and was operating in Tamil Nadu. He was connected with various political leaders. He also took about twenty-five persons from Tamil Nadu for special training for the purpose of keeping them in the organisation. At the time the police took this persons into custody, they recovered Rs. 2.5 lakh worth of gold and a large amount of cash from him, from his house.

Another shocking information is, the said Ravi *alias* Ravinchandran gave shelter to the assassins of Shri Rajiv Gandhi. — Subha and Sivarasan—in Pollachi, in Coimbatore District.

During the course of investigation, the police found that the then Tamil Nadu Government was behind protecting the persons who were involved in the assassination of Shri Padmanabha, the EPRLF leader. The then Home Secretary.... (*Interruptions*).

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN (Tamil Nadu): Sir, is it warranted? He is unnecessarily bringing in other issues. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI T. R. BALU (Tamil Nadu): This is total politics. (*Interruptions*).

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN (Tamil Nadu): Let him have his say. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI T. R. BALU: We have not protected anybody. This is totally wrong.

SHRI M. VINCENT (Tamil Nadu): The DMK Government could not ensure the arrest of the assassins of Padmanabha. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI T. R. BALU: He is misleading the House. (*Interruptions*). If he has got anything, let him place it before the House. Let us have a discussion.

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN: Let him place it before the House.

SHRI T. R. BALU: We are prepared to have a discussion. (*Interruptions*). He is misleading the House. He should not be allowed. Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, you should not allow him. (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): He as permission from the Chairman to make his Special Mension. (*Interruptions*). Mr. Narayanasamy, your time is over. (*Interruptions*).

SHRI T. R. BALU: It was the Congress Government which had protected the LTTE. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, I will take just two-three minutes. ...(*Interruptions*). It is the version of the Tamil Nadu Police. The 'Q' Branch of Tamil Nadu Police have said that Mr. Nagarajan, the then Home Secretary, gave oral orders to the police not to apprehend the persons who were involved in the killing of Padmanabha.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: Shame.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: He gave oral order. The later development was, Mr. Nagarajan was arrested and he is now behind bars.

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN: That is all right.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Several other persons connected with the crime were also arrested.

Sir, I squarely blame—I said this earlier also and I say it again—the then Tamil Nadu Government. The then Tamil Nadu Government was responsible for encouraging militancy in Tamil Nadu. The then DMK Government encouraged them. "Because of that, we have lost our; grat leader. (*Interruptions*)

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*Expunged as ordered by the Chair.

And the then DMK Government was responsible for encouraging militancy in Tamil Nadu. They have to be squarely blamed for harbouring LTTE militants. (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Now you conclude. (*Interruptions*). You go back to your seat and raise it from there.

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN: Sir, we object to the statement where he has taken the name of our leader, Shri Karunanidhi. What has he got to do with that?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): If he has made a reference to your leader Karunanidhi, that would not form part of the record. (*Interruptions*). Now please conclude.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: How is it unparliamentary? (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Please go back to your seats. The Chair is on its legs. Please sit down. Mr. Venkataraman, please sit down. Shri Narayanasamy, please sit down. All this cross-talk will not form part of the debate. (*Interruptions*). Mr. Venkataraman, Mr. Balu, please sit down. Here is a total disorder.

Now, the time is over for Mr. Narayanasamy.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: They interrupted me.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): You have already consumed and exceeded your time.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: I have a point of order.

All that Mr. Narayanasamy said was that Mr. Karunanidhi was the then Chief Minister. (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Let me listen to the point of order.

SHRI TINDIVANAM G. VENKATARAMAN: It is a false allegation.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Let me listen. It is the right of an individual Member to raise a point of order.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: You can look at the record what Shri Narayanasamy has said. All that he said was, when Mr. Nagarajan was Home Secretary, Mr. Karunanidhi was Chief Minister. How can you strike it off the record?

...(*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Please let me dispose of the point of order. The ruling which I have given is that if any allegation has been made by the honourable Member against the leader of DMK, that will be removed. That is the ruling given...(*Interruptions*)... Now, Shri Narayanasamy, please conclude... (*Interruptions*)... Please sit down... (*Interruptions*)... Mr. Balu, please sit down. ...(*Interruptions*)..., Mr. Jadhav, please sit down. Mr. Narayanasamy...(*Interruptions*)... Mr. Balu, please sit down; Mr. Venkataraman, please sit down. ..(*Interruptions*)... Mr. Narayanasamy, you conclude your Special Mention.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: I am going to conclude, Sir.

Sir, the 'Q' Branch police was asked why they had not arrested the killers of Padmanabha. There reply was—they clearly stated—"Our hands were tied by the then Government and the then Home Secretary who was serving Shri Karunanidhi who was Chief Minister at that time."...(*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M.A. BABY): Why should you refer to that name?

...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Sir, is it an allegation?...(*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): All that is spoken without the permission of the Chair won't form part of the record...(*Interruptions*)...

Mr. Narayanasamy, please do not, unnecessarily, create problems in the House...(*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: If Mr. Karunanidhi is an untouchable, why are they shouting?... *(Interruptions)*...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Please sit down... *(Interruptions)*... Mr. Vincent, please sit down. *(Interruptions)*... I am on my legs, please sit down. Mr. Kalita, please sit down. Mr. Balu, Mr. Vincent, please sit down.

SHRI M. VINCENT: Is it not a fact that Mr. Nagarajan was the Home Secretary when Mr. Karunanidhi was Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Mr. Narayanasamy, you know that generally we do not, in the House, take the names of those who are not present in the House. You know very well how you can refer to personalities who are not present in the House... *(Interruptions)*... Please cooperate with the Chair to peacefully conduct the proceedings.

...*(Interruptions)*...

SHRI M. VINCENT: Sir, I am on a point of order.

SHRIMATI JAYANTHI NATARAJAN: How did you allow Mrs. Bijoya Chakravarty to take the name of the Assam Chief Minister?

...*(Interruptions)*...

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTSY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI K. C. LENKA): Mr. Vice-Chairman I do not understand why the DMK Members are making *hallagulla* have. A short while ago, honourable Members from the Opposition uttered the name of Mr. Bhajan Lal and cast aspersions on him, but MPs from the Treasury Benches were not making any *hallagulla* at that time. Why do they do it now? *(Interruptions)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Mr. Narayanasamy, now conclude. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI T. R. BALU: Are there no rules and regulations of the House? *(Interruption)*

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Mr. Balu, please sit down.

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN (Tamil Nadu): A point of order, Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): What is the point of order?

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: Mr. Narayanasamy mentioned only a name. He has not made any allegation. He is describing an event. How is it a disorder? What provokes them when just a name is mentioned? Is this name an anathema for them? Do they hate their leader? I cannot understand this. He has simply mentioned his name. How is it objectionable? How is it provocative? Why should they be on their heals? I cannot understand this. So, my point of order is that when a special mention is made, if they have got anything as a grievance, they have to wait, they should associate and then only they should mention it, and they should not interrupt.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Mr. Narayanasamy, you please conclude now. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA (Assam): Sir, I have one point. I will take just one minute.

I am happy that you have removed the name of a party leader, a leader of their party. But I am sorry to say that in this special mention session two names, names of two Chief Ministers have been mentioned, and accusing fingers have been pointed towards them. They are present Chief Ministers. Are you going to remove those names also? I want to know this. I want a ruling, Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Rulings are given only on contested points.

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: There is an allegation here, Sir. *(Interruptions)*

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA: They accused the present Chief Ministers. They are on record. They should be

expunged from the record. I want a ruling Sir.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Then the records should be gone through, and if an allegation has been made, that will also be removed.

Mr. Narayanasamy, now conclude.

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: He has simply mentioned the name. (*Interruptions*)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN: (SHRI M. A. BABY): Mr. Narayanasamy the scope of your special mention... (*Interruptions*)

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: I am going to conclude. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): No side-talks.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: The 'Q' Branch Police stated very clearly that it was helpless. Further it said, "The cops are enforcing law and order. But the authority has directed the police at the time of Padmanabha's murder not to pursue the killers." That was the oral order issued by the Home Secretary.

SHRI T. R. BALU: Will he be able to substantiate this?

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Mr. Narayanasamy, the scope of your special mention... (*Interruptions*)

Please sit down.

SHRI T. R. BALU: They are allegations.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Please sit down, Mr. Balu.

Mr. Narayanasamy, the scope of your special mention is offering of gold and cash by the LTTE to buy support in Tamil Nadu. You please confine yourself to that.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: I am confining myself to that.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): And don't refer to past incidents here.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: It is consequential.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Now you conclude. There is a limit. You cannot go on speaking indefinitely.

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: I request the Central Government and also the State government of Tamil Nadu without any party affiliation any person who has harboured the militants, the LTTE people in Tamil Nadu or in any other part of this country and who have taken...

SHRI T. R. BALU: From 1983 onwards this should be done. (*Interruptions*).

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Please sit down. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: They are obstructing the proceedings of the House. (*Interruptions*)

SHRI T. R. BALU: You are hand in glove with the LTTE people.

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Mr. Narayanasamy, please conclude. Your short duration discussion is getting postponed... (*Interruptions*)... Order, please sit down.

SHRI S. K. T. RAMACHANDRAN: When the name of Karunanidhi is mentioned, why are you getting upset?...(*Interruptions*)... Karunanidhi has destroyed the economy of Tamil Nadu... (*Interruptions*)... He is the sole cause for the destruction of Tamil Nadu.. (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI MISA R. GANESAN (Tamil Nadu): What about Indira Gandhi? During the Congress regime, LTTE people were invited by your people.

SHRI TINDIVAM G. VENKTA-RAMAN: You invited the LTTE people. you reap the consequences... (*Interruptions*)...

SHRI V. NARAYANASAMY: Therefore, I appreciate the Chief Minister of Tamil Nadu who is taking right steps to catch the people who are responsible for the assassination of our leader, Mr. Rajiv Gandhi and Mr. Padmanabha. I request the Central Government and the State Government to pursue the matter vigorously.

SHRI M. VINCENT: I associate myself with the special mention made by Shri Narayanasamy. If the killers of Padmanabha could have been arrested, the assassination of Mr. Rajiv Gandhi would not have happened... (*Interruptions*)...

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): Mr. Kalita, your special mention.

Call given for the boycott of Hindi and other languages in Manipur in support of the demand for inclusion of Manipuri age in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution

SHRI BHUBANESWAR KALITA (Assam): Mr. Vice-Chairman, Sir, I want to draw the attention of the Government, through you, to an unforeseen situation that is developing in the State of Manipur. All Manipur Students Union and the Manipur Language Demand Coordination Committee have given a call to boycott Hindi and other scheduled languages in the State. In the schools, the teachers have stopped teaching Hindi since last one week, Cinema houses are not showing Hindi films... (*Interruptions*)... The demand raised by the agitating group was that the Manipuri language should be included in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. This is a just demand. We are all for the inclusion of Manipuri language in the Eighth Schedule of the Constitution. Manipur is a State which is culturally rich. Though we do not know Manipuri language, their dances are seen in all parts of the country because of their rich cultural heritage.

The people of Manipur have always fought for the prestige, unity and the integrity of the country. Manipur which is in the North-Eastern corner of the country always remained with us. If we go to the historical background of Manipur, they could not be conquered either by China or by Burma even after so many attempts because of their heroism. 4.00 P.M. Sir, today they are demanding their language to be included in the Eighth Schedule. I do not understand why the Government is delaying this decision. Many Governments, including the Government of the Janata Dal, the Government of the Samajwadi Janata Party and our Government, have agreed that this is a just demand. Then, why are we delaying this decision? Sir, these are matters where people's sentiments are involved. By hitting the sentiments of the people of that part, we are alienating a section of them. And you very well understand what this alienation results in. Sir, through you, I earnestly request the Government to urgently consider this matter and take suitable action. The Government has to take it very seriously because they have already announced that they are going to continue this agitational programme for one month and on a call like this, if the boycott of Hindi or other Scheduled languages goes on in that corner of the country, you can very well imagine what the situation will be and how it will psychologically affect the people of that region. With these words, before concluding, I request the Government to take note of the situation and rise to the occasion. Thank you very much.

SHRI VITHALRAO MADHAVRAO JADHAV (Maharashtra): I would like to associate myself with this special mention.

SHRI JAGESH DESAI (Maharashtra): I also associate.

SHRI H. HANUMANTHAPPA (Karnataka): Sir, I also associate myself with Mr. Kalita.

डा. रत्नाकर पाण्डेय (उत्तर प्रदेश): माननीय उपसभाध्यक्ष जी, जो कुछ कालिता जी ने कहा है...(व्यवधान)

THE VICE-CHAIRMAN (SHRI M. A. BABY): This is the overall feeling of the House. (*Interruption*). All names are included.

डा. रत्नाकर पाण्डेय: यह राष्ट्रभाषा का अपमान है।

किसी भाषा को राष्ट्रीय भाषा में परिणित किया जाए, या नहीं किया जाए,